

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 2 has been cancelled, claims 1, 3-10, 17-19, 21-23, and 25-29 have been amended and new claims 30-31 have been added. Claims 1 and 3-31 are pending and under consideration.

Claim 29 has been amended herein to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103 are now discussed. Using independent claim 1 as an example, this claim recites means for selecting a created information object; and means for returning the contents of the selected information object to the original external application program from which the information object has been obtained. These features were previously recited in claim 2.

The Examiner relies upon Nakajima. However, column 1, lines 55-62 of the reference refer to transforming selected information to a clipboard and then to an application that encapsulates the information into a separate object. Thus, the claimed returning is not taught. Also, column 4, lines 53-56 of the reference refer to integrating the scrap object into a document, including the document from which it originated. However, this does not teach that the changed contents are inserted.

With respect to Wan, independent claim 1 recites when the position or size of the window changes, the transparent window changes the position or size to be the same as the window. These features were previously pointed out to the Examiner. In response to these previous arguments, the Examiner relies upon column 3, lines 2-7 of Wan as teaching the noted feature. This portion of the reference teaches that the snapshot image is copied into the transparent window 7, which is then moved and resized to cover the application window 6. Thus, transparent window 7 changes size when the snapshot image is copied thereto. However, the position changes only at the time of copying, there is no further change in the position/size after the copying. In contrast, the claimed transparent window changes size whenever the size of the window changes.

The remaining references do not overcome these deficiencies.

New claim 30 further clarifies that the returned contents are changed prior to being returned to the original external application program. As discussed above, the cited references do not teach this feature.

New claim 31 further clarifies that the transparent window is automatically changed to

have the same position and size as that of said window after the selected information is created as an information object so as to be shown on said transparent window. As discussed above, the cited references do not teach this feature.

**CONCLUSION:**

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

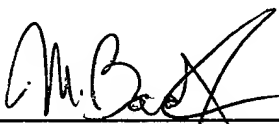
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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